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District Man Sentenced to Prison, Pled Guilty to Sexually Assaulting 16-Year-Old Girl

WASHINGTON - Timothy Whitlow, 47, of Washington, D.C., was sentenced today to incarceration after earlier pleading guilty to sexually assaulting a 16-year-old girl, U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. announced.

Whitlow pled guilty in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia on June 18, 2010 to a charge of third degree sexual abuse. He was sentenced by the Honorable Lynn Leibovitz.

The evidence showed that Whitlow approached the victim May 18, 2010 while she was sitting in the hallway of an apartment building in the 1600 block of Savannah Street SE, and invited her inside his apartment. Once inside, he offered her approximately \$14 in exchange for sex. The victim told Whitlow that she did not want to have sex with him. Nevertheless, Whitlow proceeded to sexually accost her. The victim left the apartment, crying, and reported the attack.

In imposing the sentence today, Judge Leibovitz found that Whitlow posed a danger to the community and concluded that incarceration was warranted. Whitlow had faced a possible maximum sentence under the statute of 10 years in prison and 12 to 36 months of imprisonment under the Superior Court voluntary sentencing guidelines. He will serve 12 months of his 24-month sentence before being placed on a period of three years' probation. Upon his release from prison, he will be required to register under the Sex Offender Registration Act for 10 years.

In announcing today's sentence, U.S. Attorney Machen expressed his appreciation to the Metropolitan Police Department, and particularly praised the work of Investigator Scott Dowling. U.S. Attorney Machen also commended the work of Victim Advocate Tracey Hawkins, Paralegal Specialist Donahue Griffith, Legal Assistant Tanisha Nelson, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Karen Ditzler, who prosecuted the case.

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